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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF MILITARY POSITIONS TO CIVILIAN POSITIONS

STATE FOR MS. J. CLARK, EUR/EX: DEF FOR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

OASD(C)

REF: YOUR LETTER OF MAY 6, 1975 ON ABOVE SUBJECT

1. IN REFERENCE LETTER YOU INDICATED AGREEMENT, PROVIDED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AGREED, TO CONVERTING TWO FOREIGN SERVICE SECRETARIAL POSITIONS INTO POSITIONS FOR STATE COMMUNICATORS FOR USNATO, SO THAT (A) USNATO COMM OPERATIONS MIGHT BE STAFFED BY STATE COMMUNICATORS ONLY AND THUS COMPLY WITH FAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSING CERTAIN TYPES OF TRAFFIC: (B) THE TWO MILITARY COMMUNICATORS SPACES COULD BE CONVERTED TO TWO DEFENSE SECRETARIAL POSITIONS IN COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF THE TWO FS SECRETARIAL SPACES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO USNATO'S REQUEST OF 9 APRIL 1975, AND BASED ON YOUR AGREEMENT OF MAY 6, OSD HAS AUTHORIZED US TO PROCEED WITH THE CONVERSIONS.

3. AS YOU ARE AWARE, ONE OF THE STATE SECRETARIAL POSITIONS PROGRAMMED TO BE CONVERTED (NO. 235) IS NOW VACANT, DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED RESIGNATION OF THE INCUMBENT. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
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THE CONVERSION PROCESS, WE HAVE DELAYED REPLACEMENT PENDING OSD APPROVAL, AND HAVE NOW INITIATED RECRUITMENT ACTION FOR A DEFENSE SECRETARY.

4. THE FIRST MILITARY COMMUNICATOR INVOLVED HAS RECEIVED ORDERS AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART USNATO ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1975. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THIS SHORT TIME FRAME WILL POSE DIFFIULTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY A STATE COMMUNICATOR AS SIMULTANEOUS REPLACEMENT, ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO EXPEDITE THE ASSIGNMENT PROCESS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. OSD HAS REQUESTED A RELEASE DATE FOR THE SECOND MILITARY COMMUNICATOR WHICH IS CONTINGENT UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT STATE COMMUNICATOR. THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE FROM THE MILITARY VIEWPOINT IS JANUARY 1976.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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